

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

ORIGINAL

John Baptiste

441 Rogers ave

Brooklyn NY 11225

NAME OF PLAINTIFF(S)

COMPLAINT

CV 13 - 0894

**MATSUMOTO, J.
POLLAK, M.J**

Midwood Ambulance

2593 West 13th street

Brooklyn NY

NAME OF DEFENDANT(S)

This action is brought for discrimination in employment pursuant to (check only those that apply):

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Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as codified, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000e to 2000e-17 (amended in 1972, 1978 and by the Civil Rights Act of 1991, Pub. L. No. 102-166) (race, color, gender, religion, national origin).

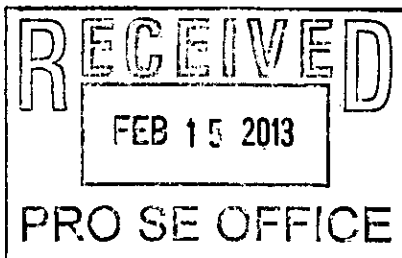
NOTE: In order to bring a suit in federal district court under Title VII, you must first obtain a right to sue letter from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as codified, 29 U.S.C. §§ 621 - 634 (amended in 1984, 1990, and by the Age Discrimination in Employment Amendments of 1986, Pub. L. No. 92-592, the Civil Rights Act of 1991, Pub. L. No. 102-166).

NOTE: In order to bring a suit in federal district court under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, you must first file charges with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as codified, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12112 - 12117 (amended by the ADA Amendments Act of 2008, Pub. L. No. 110-325 and the Civil Rights Act of 1991, Pub. L. No. 102-166).

NOTE: In order to bring suit in federal district court under the Americans with Disabilities Act, you must first obtain a right to sue letter from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.



Jurisdiction is specifically conferred upon this United States District Court by the aforementioned statutes, as well as 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1343. Jurisdiction may also be appropriate under 42 U.S.C. §§ 1981, 1983 and 1985(3), as amended by the Civil Rights Act of 1991, Pub. L. No. 102-166, and any related claims under New York law.

1. Plaintiff resides at:

441 Rogers ave
Street Address
Kings, NY, 11225, 646 684 0925
County State Zip Code Telephone Number

2. Defendant(s) resides at, or its business is located at:

2593 West 13th st
Street Address
Kings, Brooklyn, NY, 11223
County City State Zip Code

3. The address at which I sought employment or was employed by the defendant(s) is:

2593 W 13th st
Street Address
Kings, Brooklyn, NY, 11223
County City State Zip Code

4. The discriminatory conduct of which I complain in this action includes
(check only those that apply).

☐ Failure to hire.
☒ Termination of my employment.
☐ Failure to promote.
☐ Failure to accommodate my disability.
☐ Unequal terms and conditions of my employment.
☐ Retaliation
☐ Other acts (specify): _____

NOTE: Only those grounds raised in the charge filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission can be considered by the federal district court.

5. It is my best recollection that the alleged discriminatory acts occurred on:

09/07 - 02/12
Date(s)

6. I believe that the defendant(s) (check one)

☐ is still committing these acts against me.
☒ is not still committing these acts against me.

7. Defendant(s) discriminated against me based on my:
(check only those that apply and state the basis for discrimination, for example,
what is your religion, if religious discrimination is alleged)

☒ race hispanic american ☐ color _____
☐ gender/sex _____ ☐ religion _____
☐ national origin _____
☐ disability _____
☐ age. If age is checked, answer the following:

I was born in _____. At the time(s) defendant(s) discriminated against me,
Year

I was ☐ more ☐ less than 40 years old. (check one).

NOTE: *Only those grounds raised in the charge filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission can be considered by the federal district court.*

8. The facts of my case are as follows:

(Attach additional sheets as necessary)

NOTE: *As additional support for your claim, you may attach to this complaint a copy of the charge filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the New York State Division of Human Rights, or the New York City Commission on Human Rights.*

9. It is my best recollection that I filed a charge with the New York State Division of Human Rights or the New York City Commission on Human Rights regarding defendant's alleged discriminatory conduct on: _____
Date

10. It is my best recollection that I filed a charge with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission regarding defendant's alleged discriminatory conduct on: _____
Date

Only litigants alleging age discrimination must answer Question #11.

11. Since filing my charge of age discrimination with the Equal Employment Opportunity

Commission regarding defendant's alleged discriminatory conduct (*check one*):

☐ 60 days or more have elapsed.

☐ less than 60 days have elapsed.

12. The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (*check one*):

☐ has not issued a Right to Sue letter.

☒ has issued a Right to Sue letter, which I
received on 01/07/13
Date

NOTE: Attach a copy of the Right to Sue Letter from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to this complaint.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays that the Court grant such relief as may be appropriate, including injunctive orders, damages, costs, and attorney's fees.


PLAINTIFF'S SIGNATURE

Dated: 01/10/13 ^{SD} 2/15/13

441 Rogers ave
Address
Brooklyn NY 11225
646 684 0925
Phone Number

I worked at Midwood Ambulance Service for 5yrs before my termination. At times I have felt tension in the work place due to discrimination. Certain jokes and comments were made about me having dreads, about my Haitian heritage, and they also sent me and other minorities to the worst, furthest and dirtiest neighborhoods. However, this was my job so I tried my best to work my hardest and to turn a blind eye to these things and do what had to be done.

On (February 2, 2012) my partner and I received a call to pick up a patient from a doctors Office. Upon arrival we realized we were not informed on the exact location of the patient in the building. We left the stretcher on the main floor and proceeded to look around for the patient who was then found on the basement level of the building. Seeing as it was an emergency, we didn't want to waste time by running upstairs to get the stretcher and coming back down so we asked the patient and his doctor if he was fine to walk. Seeing that there was nothing wrong with the patients' legs we then walked him up to the stretcher and proceeded our normal routine from there. He was dropped off to the hospital in the same manner as all of our other patients have been many times before. On February 2nd 2012 I was fired because I apparently was not supposed to have the patient walking. I believe this was wrongful termination because no harm was done to the patient and I wasn't given correct information in order for me to my job correctly.

EEOC Form 161-B (11/09)

U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO SUE (ISSUED ON REQUEST)

To: John Baptiste
441 Rogers Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11225

From: New York District Office
33 Whitehall Street
5th Floor
New York, NY 10004



On behalf of person(s) aggrieved whose identity is
CONFIDENTIAL (29 CFR §1601.7(a))

EEOC Charge No.

EEOC Representative

Telephone No.

520-2012-03714

Katherine Greenfield,
Investigator

(212) 336-3762

(See also the additional information enclosed with this form.)

NOTICE TO THE PERSON AGGRIEVED:

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), or the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA): This is your Notice of Right to Sue, issued under Title VII, the ADA or GINA based on the above-numbered charge. It has been issued at your request. Your lawsuit under Title VII, the ADA or GINA must be filed in a federal or state court **WITHIN 90 DAYS** of your receipt of this notice; or your right to sue based on this charge will be lost. (The time limit for filing suit based on a claim under state law may be different.)



More than 180 days have passed since the filing of this charge.



Less than 180 days have passed since the filing of this charge, but I have determined that it is unlikely that the EEOC will be able to complete its administrative processing within 180 days from the filing of this charge.



The EEOC is terminating its processing of this charge.



The EEOC will continue to process this charge.

Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA): You may sue under the ADEA at any time from 60 days after the charge was filed until 90 days after you receive notice that we have completed action on the charge. In this regard, the paragraph marked below applies to your case:



The EEOC is closing your case. Therefore, your lawsuit under the ADEA must be filed in federal or state court **WITHIN 90 DAYS** of your receipt of this Notice. Otherwise, your right to sue based on the above-numbered charge will be lost.



The EEOC is continuing its handling of your ADEA case. However, if 60 days have passed since the filing of the charge, you may file suit in federal or state court under the ADEA at this time.

Equal Pay Act (EPA): You already have the right to sue under the EPA (filing an EEOC charge is not required.) EPA suits must be brought in federal or state court within 2 years (3 years for willful violations) of the alleged EPA underpayment. This means that back pay due for any violations that occurred more than 2 years (3 years) before you file suit may not be collectible.

If you file suit, based on this charge, please send a copy of your court complaint to this office.

On behalf of the Commission


Kevin J. Berry,
District Director

1/2/13
(Date Mailed)

Enclosures(s)

CC: Director Of
Human Resources
MIDWOOD AMBULANCE SERVICE
2593 West 13th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11223

INFORMATION RELATED TO FILING SUIT UNDER THE LAWS ENFORCED BY THE EEOC

*(This information relates to filing suit in Federal or State court under Federal law.
If you also plan to sue claiming violations of State law, please be aware that time limits and other
provisions of State law may be shorter or more limited than those described below.)*

PRIVATE SUIT RIGHTS -- Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA), or the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA):

In order to pursue this matter further, you must file a lawsuit against the respondent(s) named in the charge **within 90 days of the date you receive this Notice**. Therefore, you should **keep a record of this date**. Once this 90-day period is over, your right to sue based on the charge referred to in this Notice will be lost. If you intend to consult an attorney, you should do so promptly. Give your attorney a copy of this Notice, and its envelope, and tell him or her the date you received it. Furthermore, in order to avoid any question that you did not act in a timely manner, it is prudent that your suit be filed **within 90 days of the date this Notice was mailed to you** (as indicated where the Notice is signed) or the date of the postmark, if later.

Your lawsuit may be filed in U.S. District Court or a State court of competent jurisdiction. (Usually, the appropriate State court is the general civil trial court.) Whether you file in Federal or State court is a matter for you to decide after talking to your attorney. Filing this Notice is not enough. You must file a "complaint" that contains a short statement of the facts of your case which shows that you are entitled to relief. Your suit may include any matter alleged in the charge or, to the extent permitted by court decisions, matters like or related to the matters alleged in the charge. Generally, suits are brought in the State where the alleged unlawful practice occurred, but in some cases can be brought where relevant employment records are kept, where the employment would have been, or where the respondent has its main office. If you have simple questions, you usually can get answers from the office of the clerk of the court where you are bringing suit, but do not expect that office to write your complaint or make legal strategy decisions for you.

PRIVATE SUIT RIGHTS -- Equal Pay Act (EPA):

EPA suits must be filed in court within 2 years (3 years for willful violations) of the alleged EPA underpayment: back pay due for violations that occurred **more than 2 years (3 years) before you file suit** may not be collectible. For example, if you were underpaid under the EPA for work performed from 7/1/08 to 12/1/08, you should file suit **before 7/1/10** -- not 12/1/10 -- in order to recover unpaid wages due for July 2008. This time limit for filing an EPA suit is separate from the 90-day filing period under Title VII, the ADA, GINA or the ADEA referred to above. Therefore, if you also plan to sue under Title VII, the ADA, GINA or the ADEA, in addition to suing on the EPA claim, suit must be filed within 90 days of this Notice and within the 2- or 3-year EPA back pay recovery period.

ATTORNEY REPRESENTATION -- Title VII, the ADA or GINA:

If you cannot afford or have been unable to obtain a lawyer to represent you, the U.S. District Court having jurisdiction in your case may, in limited circumstances, assist you in obtaining a lawyer. Requests for such assistance must be made to the U.S. District Court in the form and manner it requires (you should be prepared to explain in detail your efforts to retain an attorney). Requests should be made well before the end of the 90-day period mentioned above, because such requests do not relieve you of the requirement to bring suit within 90 days.

ATTORNEY REFERRAL AND EEOC ASSISTANCE -- All Statutes:

You may contact the EEOC representative shown on your Notice if you need help in finding a lawyer or if you have any questions about your legal rights, including advice on which U.S. District Court can hear your case. If you need to inspect or obtain a copy of information in EEOC's file on the charge, please request it promptly in writing and provide your charge number (as shown on your Notice). While EEOC destroys charge files after a certain time, all charge files are kept for at least 6 months after our last action on the case. Therefore, if you file suit and want to review the charge file, **please make your review request within 6 months of this Notice**. (Before filing suit, any request should be made within the next 90 days.)

IF YOU FILE SUIT, PLEASE SEND A COPY OF YOUR COURT COMPLAINT TO THIS OFFICE.